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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to express my approval of the settlement reached between the Justice Department and Microsoft.

As I understand the settlement, Microsoft has agreed to modify its Windows operating systems to allow for the use of non-Microsoft programs and services within Windows. The amount of additional consumer choice brought about by this concession could be very significant.

In addition, Microsoft has agreed to eliminate many of its more restrictive covenants from its agreements with licensees and distributors. I believe that this agreement will also provide additional consumer choice after a period of time.

I know that you will agree that you have more pressing problems on your agenda right now. Please take advantage of this opportunity, settle the case, and move on. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Beverly Offutt